

## ***Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes 3-14-16***

Time: 6:00pm Location: Century Center Conference Room 1

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Art Menius, Christine Abernathy, Rah Trost, Mary Norkus, Will McInerney, Beven Ramsey, Jay Parker, Jacquelyn Gist, Eva Weber.

Members Absent: Dan Cefalo, Dan Mayer, Will McInerney

Meeting Facilitator: Beven Ramsey

Invitees:

Guest attendee:

### **Agenda Items**

- Approval February 2016 meeting minutes- Approved
- Artist application-Dana Hughes-CRP- Approved with question of size requirement. Why size limitations. Rah will ask Dana.
- The Good of the Hive mural project-Annette Stone presentation.

Annette discussed the idea of having a mural painted for the Town of Carrboro that would be located on the side of Fire Station #1 in Carrboro. The theme is The Good of the Hive. The artist is Matthew Willey. The Board of Aldermen gave permission for the project. The project received funding from C.T.D.A for \$10,000. The project is slated to begin in approximately 30-60 days. Artist **Matthew Willey** is the founder of *The Good of the Hive* Initiative, and has committed to personally paint 50,000 honeybees – the number necessary for a healthy, thriving hive – in murals across America. Through art and social media engagement, *The Good of the Hive* raises awareness about the current struggle of the honeybees, celebrates their amazing behaviors, and draws attention to the inextricable connection between people and honeybees.

*The Good of the Hive* Initiative begins with the struggle of the honeybees, but it also views the hive as a metaphor for communities of people. Honeybees within the hive ‘think’ collectively; their immune system is collective: the health of the individual is based on the health of the collective. Whether that community is an actual honeybee hive or a community of human artists, kids in a school, military veterans, gay people, women with cancer, marginalized people, skateboarders, or the American people as a whole, the

health and success of the individual relies heavily on the connections within the group—and consequently between the groups within the greater society.

When we connect, we thrive. This is the essence of *The Good of the Hive* Initiative. Matthew realized over the course of the last five years of obsessing about honeybees that his own path as an artist was more aligned to its truth when it was being channeled toward connection—connection to the honeybees, as well as to the hive in which he lives.

There was a discussion about members from the Art Committee and CTDA working together to possibly form a joint committee to fund and select artists to paint other murals in the Town.

- Budget discussion- No discussion occurred. It was suggested that a special work session outside the usual art committee meeting schedule would be best. Rah will check in with Dan Mayer to see if he can send a survey to committee members to see what would be a good date and time to meet for budget discussion.
- Carrboro 2020 Vision Plan-Any further feedback?- Rah will check with Tina Moon to see what the deadline is for final feedback on the plan.
- Poet Council update- no members from the Poet Council present to give update.
- Art and Venue Making February 19th -update – Beven Ramsey attended the event. He collect names of artists that were possibly interested in showing their art in the Town’s galleries. Rah will follow up and contact artists.
- Update Arts Center-Dan Mayer. Dan was not present.
- Other business? Jay Parker mentioned that the mural project on Jones Ferry Road will start in approximately 6 weeks.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 pm